

WOODLANDS FAMILIES' SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Woodlands Families' Scholarship Fund was established by descendants of William Gilmore Simms, a popular 19th century literary figure. William Gilmore Simms lived at Woodlands Plantation, and the Simms family has owned the plantation since 1821. Woodlands, also known as the Simms Place, is located in Bamberg County, South Carolina near the community of Midway and is designated as a National Historic Landmark by the US Department of the Interior.

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize the long-term, continuous relationship between the black and white families associated with Woodlands Plantation and the community in which it is located. This academic scholarship is available to African American students who are descendants of the enslaved families of Woodlands Plantation to obtain a college or technical school education. The Woodlands Families Scholarship Fund will provide partial annual tuition scholarships to one or more selected students to pursue a college or technical education.

*Knowledge is
Power...*

*And Power
Breeds
Purpose.*

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Applicant must be able to establish lineage to one of the enslaved families at Woodlands Plantation. Please refer to the website, www.sharedhistory.org, for a list of families known to be associated with the plantation and other historical information about these families.
- Qualified applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate planning to enter college in the fall term, or a student currently attending a college, university, or technical college (all college levels eligible).
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA during their junior and senior years of high school or a minimum current college GPA of 2.5. Qualified students who do not meet the minimum high school or college GPA requirement may be considered after they maintain a 2.5 GPA for a minimum of 12 hours of college level work.
- Academic achievement, extracurricular activities and the applicant's personal statement will be considered when making the selections.
- Applicants receiving a scholarship must attend an institution of higher learning which is a non-profit, tax-exempt junior or senior college accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or a comparable regional accrediting organization.
- This scholarship will not be used to substitute financial aid that an institution has committed to a student.
- If there is no applicant available that is a descendant of enslaved families of Woodlands Plantation, a student in Bamberg County that meets all of the remaining criteria will be eligible for the scholarship award.

The Woodlands Families' Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications and make the award selection based on the criteria above.

The Woodlands Families' Scholarship application includes ten sections to be completed by applicant. Sections must be completed in their entirety at the time of submission. Below please find listed the ten section headings.

1. Student Background Information
2. High School or College Information
3. Extracurricular Activities
4. Educational Institution Information
5. Standardized Test Information
6. Work Experience
7. Personal Statement
8. Other Scholarship Information
9. Family Background Information
10. Check List of Required Attachments

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must complete the scholarship application form and submit it along with required attachments to:

**Central Carolina Community Foundation
Scholarship Committee
2711 Middleburg Drive, Suite 213
Columbia, South Carolina 2904**

If you have questions contact Veronica L. Pinkett-Barber at 803.254.5601 x. 331.

Applications must be in the Community Foundation office by March 15. If this day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, it is due in the office on the following business day.